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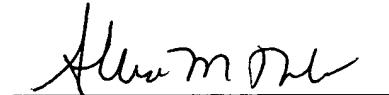
1. For JPA-H10-024612, an English Abstract is enclosed, and Applicant notes that USP 6,116,716 is an English counterpart Application.
2. For JPA-H08-224891, an English Abstract is enclosed, and Applicant notes that USP 5,949,447 is an English counterpart Application.
3. For JPA-H07-266578, an English Abstract is enclosed, and Applicant notes that USP 5,726,692 is an English counterpart Application.
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